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Re: EPA visit to Libby on October  
22 and DEQ Job Profile

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> We heard you ask if Tuesday was ok, did not hear a week from Tuesday.  
> Maybe it was missed.

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> There is one concern that should encourage a same day response:

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> We all know tremolite is deadly. We know a superfund cleanup yard ( base  
> camp/headquarters) managing that tremolite is operating in a school zone  
> and residential area near various businesses. We know equipment and  
> trucks from that yard are used daily in the cleanup and handling the  
> tremolite.

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> REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TIMES THIS CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT IS  
> "WASHED DOWN WITH WATER"--- IS IT WORTH THE RISK TO FUNCTION INSIDE A  
> NEIGHBORHOOD?

>  
> Can someone just answer that question tomorrow? Yes or no.  
> Should be a quick response. You can have them each email a yes or no.  
> I don't care about the explanations, just a yes or no.

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> Then, please have them put a plan together ( perhaps with other  
> agencies) with how to make restitution to these neighbors who are now  
> experiencing the physical effects of this careless effort with seemingly  
> no real protection, oversight or inspection.

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> On 11/2/09 5:02 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov" <  
> Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:  
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>> I said a week- and since we talked Friday, 10/30, that means at least  
>> until the 6th. I talked to my staff today as this is the first time  
>> since the snow that everyone is in and told them we had a week to get  
>> the response together which makes it the 9th.

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>> You indicated I would hear from you tomorrow 11/3---did that change?  
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>> On 11/2/09 12:54 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov"  
>> <Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:  
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>>> We are working on your budget request. I have asked my staff to look  
>>> into all of the issues you raised with me over the phone and I will  
> be  
>>> getting back to you by 11/9. You should contact the State of Montana  
>>> for your issues with Catherine. Sandi Olsen at 406-841-5001, email  
>>> solsen@state.mt.us is in charge of the DEQ's Remediation Division  
>> which  
>>> Catherine is employed in.. cc  
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as swiftly as possible.  
I have experienced everything from neglect and no  
return phone calls, to a growing number of people  
have seen the facts and express the same concerns  
inside and outside the agencies. None of these  
conversations caused more concern than the one I  
with you yesterday. I hope it was a complete  
and uncommon for your office. The only way I can  
describe it, is : chilling.  
Because you are a site manager, but stated you had  
recently been on site, you heard every detail we  
think to relate to you about what is happening in  
Libby. You know that people have already died from  
exposure. I indicated to you it is now a concern  
people have said they are experiencing new  
issues and other symptoms. I told you I had watched  
four people die this past year from exceptionally  
auto immune diseases and my growing awareness of  
various others. I indicated after researching  
studies linking asbestos exposure to auto immune  
disease this past week, I realized the numbers  
add up ( all four diseases are contracted by one in  
millions, one of the disorders is contracted by 1  
10,000,000 another 1 in 30,000,000, etc--- Libby's  
population is less than 5,000) I now think there  
be some correlation to their exposure to the  
in Libby. I communicated this to a Specialist at  
Oregon Health and Sciences University who seems to  
concur. You can do your own research and draw the  
conclusions. The studies and information are  
voluminous.  
I never gave it a second thought before, never made  
connection at all. Then, a few weeks ago, while  
visiting Montana and Glacier park, I began  
experiencing the dust. It was dust in blankets,  
in soft moving clouds, dust in gritty spritzes,  
sometimes just dust. But, it was constant and did  
let up. The noise and movement in that cleanup  
headquarters yard was constant and exhaustive. I

>>> not believe what I was seeing and hearing, but most  
 >> of  
 >>> all feeling. I went over to the headquarters. I had  
 >>> originally thought it was wonderful when I heard  
 >> Libby  
 >>> had more help, more efforts committed. Nothing  
 > could  
 >>> have prepared me for those 'efforts'.  
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 >>> All we could think about were the blatantly obvious  
 >>> imminent safety concerns, and thought, 'How and  
 >> why  
 >>> is this happening?' and 'Who is allowing this and  
 >>> making these decisions?'  
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 >>> I then started reaching out to anyone who was in a  
 >>> decision making capacity that could hear these  
 >>> concerns and see what we were seeing.  
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 >>> You heard and saw and your response was chilling.  
 >> You  
 >>> expressed absolutely no concern. You seemed  
 >>> inconvenienced.  
 >>> It was all about you. Your job. The way you do your  
 >>> job. The way you see this. Your efforts to qualify  
 >> my  
 >>> concerns.  
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 >>> But you are not there. You stated more than once  
 > you  
 >>> have never been there. You are not breathing the  
 >>> deadly dust.  
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 >>> Your comments during our communication prompted a  
 >>> request for a copy of your job description so we  
 >> might  
 >>> better understand the agency structures.  
 >>> ( a portion of your job description is pasted  
 >> below: )  
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 >>> This position is relied upon to identify and reduce  
 >>> unacceptable public health and environmental risks  
 >> due  
 >>> to hazardous substance releases; therefore,  
 > accuracy  
 >>> and sound judgment are essential.  
 >>> Field work includes site data collection,  
 > oversight,  
 >>> or inspection activities. Travel and field  
 >>> investigations may involve long working hours,  
 >> adverse  
 >>> weather, potential exposure to hazardous  
 > substances,  
 >>> and arduous physical activity.  
 >>> Management and Supervision of Others:  
 >>> Identification of need, and as necessary, direction  
 >> of  
 >>> private consultants and contractors  
 >>>  
 >>> How can you inspect and/or collect data, identify  
 >> and

>>> reduce public health and environmental risks if you  
 >> do  
 >>> not REGULARLY go to the sites?  
 >>> How can you direct the contractors? The  
 > headquarters  
 >>> base camp seems to be the obvious first place to  
 > go.  
 >>> Why have you NEVER been there?  
 >>> You stated the concerns I expressed had nothing to  
 >> do  
 >>> with you and were not your responsibility.  
 >>> All of these same concerns are referenced in your  
 >> job  
 >>> description as absolutely your responsibility.  
 >>> You indicated you had not visited any of the  
 > cleanup  
 >>> sites in Libby last week after traveling 5-6 hours  
 >> to  
 >>> get there from Helena. When I asked you why the  
 >>> cleanup headquarters is based in a school zone,  
 >>> residential area near the communities food sources  
 >> and  
 >>> hotels, you stated you have never been onsite at  
 > the  
 >>> headquarters and didn't know where it was. When I  
 >>> asked you 'Isn't that part of your responsibility  
 > as  
 >>> Manager?' You said, ' No' I stressed over and over  
 >> a  
 >>> concern that you look at things more carefully in  
 >>> Libby. That you please get involved. And referenced  
 >>> the people. You were unmoved. I have sensed this  
 >> from  
 >>> other representatives as well, but your response  
 > was  
 >>> deafening.  
 >>>  
 >>> I hope by today you have re-thought your position.  
 > I  
 >>> do not know you, nor do I wish to make personal  
 >>> slights. This is not about you, only the way you do  
 >>> your job and the people who depend upon you for  
 >> their  
 >>> safety, and maybe ultimately their lives. No amount  
 >> of  
 >>> power or bureaucracy is worth people losing their  
 >>> lives over. I urge you to see this differently, to  
 >>> affect immediate change everywhere you can in a way  
 >>> that benefits people. Forget yourself. Do it for  
 > the  
 >>> people.  
 >>>  
 >>> I silently hope that each of you put all meetings  
 >> on  
 >>> hold and facilitate action. Stop the cleanup until  
 >> it  
 >>> is safe. In it's current state, the cleanup has  
 >> very  
 >>> possibly further endangered people. It has very  
 >>> possibly simply exacerbated a very serious problem.  
 >>> Many of the hazards are unknown, and it is

[illegible]



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>>> EPA's No. 2 visits Superfund site in
> Libby
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>>> The EPA's Victor Ketellapper, from left,
> Mike
>>> Cirian and Mathy Stanislaus discuss
> Superfund
>>> issues on Thursday at the former export
> plant
>>> site in Libby.
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>>> By Canda Harbaugh, The Western News
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>>> The City-County Health Board meeting in Libby

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>>> Thursday featured a top Environmental  
 >> Protection  
 >>> Agency official that embraced the theme of  
 >>> increasing the EPA's transparency,  
 >> accessibility  
 >>> and cooperation with the community.  
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 >>> Mathy Stanislaus, assistant administrator for  
 >>> the EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency  
 >>> Response, took charge of the nation's  
 >> Superfund  
 >>> sites after being confirmed to the position  
 > in  
 >>> June.  
 >>>  
 >>> He took a tour of some of the site's operable  
 >>> units last week and participated in the  
 >> meeting  
 >>> to get a feel for the community's concerns.  
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 >>> "I very much come from a perspective of  
 >>> communities having a strong role in the  
 >>> decisions of government," Stanislaus said.  
 >> "I've  
 >>> really impressed on my staff that we provide  
 >>> access and transparency in a way that  
 >>> communities can participate effectively  
 >> through  
 >>> all of the decisions that we make."  
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 >>> Allan Payne, an attorney helping the City of  
 >>> Libby through the Superfund process,  
 >>> complimented Stanislaus on his environmental  
 >>> justice work and one of his past speeches  
 > that  
 >>> emphasized community involvement.  
 >>>  
 >>> "That's critical for this community," Payne  
 >>> said. "Those are uplifting words for us."  
 > Those  
 >>> are very powerful things and I know that  
 >> there's  
 >>> substance behind those."  
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 >>> Though board members spoke in congenial  
 > tones,  
 >>> they described their frustration with the EPA  
 >>> and the Superfund process.  
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 >>> Concerns included:  
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 >>> € Asbestos cleanup occurring before the  
 >> results  
 >>> of toxicity studies.  
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 >>> € Toxicity studies using old science and not  
 >>> integrating childhood exposures.  
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 >>> € Institutional controls and the financial  
 >>> burden that could potentially be left with  
 >> local

>>> government once the EPA declares the site  
>> clean.  
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>> motivation  
>>> € Bureaucracy and perceived political  
>>> dictating decisions.  
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>>> € Distrust produced from the EPA not  
> involving  
>>> the community in the process.  
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>>> € Challenges associated with the negative  
>>> national attention stemming from the Libby  
>> area  
>>> being a Superfund site.  
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>>> 'It was a good listening session for Mathy to  
>>> hear the concerns directly from the  
>> community,<sup>2</sup>  
>>> said John Konzen, county commissioner and  
>>> City-County Health Board chair. 'I thought he  
>>> listened and asked some good questions.'<sup>2</sup>  
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>>> Brad Black, county health officer and  
>> physician  
>>> at the Center for Asbestos Related Disease,  
>>> asked how the EPA could implement Records of  
>>> Decision and perform cleanups without knowing  
>>> the risk level associated with Libby  
> amphibole  
>>> asbestos. The former screening plant and  
>>> city-owned former export plant are scheduled  
>> to  
>>> have RODs early next year.  
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>>> 'Certainly now as we're talking about moving  
>>> from emergency removal to remediation, this  
> is  
>>> where we start setting standards of cleanup,<sup>2</sup>  
>>> Black said. 'We've been talking about RODs,  
>> and  
>>> yet in our mind, we're saying, 'Look, we  
> don't  
>>> have a baseline risk assessment - how in the  
>>> world are we going to clean it up right?'<sup>1 2</sup>  
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>>> Stanislaus said that toxicity studies will  
>>> continue to be a priority, but in the  
>> meantime,  
>>> the exposure path must be broken as soon as  
>>> possible.  
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>>> 'In terms of the short-term stuff, what we  
>> want  
>>> to do is prevent exposure,' Stanislaus said.  
>> '§  
>>> I look forward to hearing your comments on  
> how  
>>> do we make sure we prevent exposure, while  
>> also

>>> being clear that we have to move forward on  
 >> the science.<sup>2</sup>  
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 >>> Leroy Thom, vice president of CARD's board of  
 >>> directors, described his feeling that in the  
 >>> past few years the EPA has shut down  
 > community involvement. He said it appeared to be a  
 >>> decision made at the Region 8 Denver office  
 >>> or in Washington D.C. on a national level.  
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 >>> <sup>3</sup>I've seen a change in the attitude of EPA  
 >> since it (Libby Superfund site) began,<sup>2</sup> Thom said.  
 >>> <sup>3</sup>When it was first here, they were very  
 >>> accommodating, more than willing to go the  
 >> extra step, were more than interested in getting it  
 >>> right than what I think is going on right  
 >> now.<sup>2</sup>  
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 >>> Stanislaus emphasized to the board and  
 >> attendees to hold him and his office accountable and to  
 >>> reach him if there is a problem.  
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 >>> Lisa Jackson, administrator for the EPA,  
 >>> promised the U.S. Senate in January that upon  
 >>> confirmation to the agency's top position,  
 > she would visit the Libby Superfund site and  
 >>> consider declaring a public health emergency.  
 >>> She made the declaration in June and though  
 >> she has not made the visit to Libby herself,  
 >>> sending Stanislaus was considered a show of  
 >>> commitment.  
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"We did not come here to fear the future, we  
came here to shape it."

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---President Barack Obama to Joint

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>> Session

of Congress, September 9, 2009

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